

Millville Senior High School

ATHLETE'S DISCIPLINE POLICY

Coaches are to review these rules with their athletes prior to the first practice. This is an athlete's first warning. Disciplinary actions for the following offenses include:

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

Every athlete is expected to attend school each day. If a student is late for school, he/she must report by **9:18 AM** in order to be eligible for practice or to participate in any interscholastic contest for that day. Seniors with an early release must report by 7:40 AM. If you are absent (unexcused) from practice the day before a game, you may not play in that game. Emergency situations will be handled by the coach in conjunction with the administration. Athletes are encouraged to schedule medical appointments so that there are no conflicts with practice of game. Athletes are **not** to be excused from practice or games to go to work. This is positively inexcusable and unfair to the rest of the team.

FORGERIES:

If an athlete is found to have forged his/her permission slip or physical forms, the athlete will receive a two (2) game suspension (one game for football, plus a referral for further administrative action). Any additional offenses would be cause for immediate dismissal.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FROM PRACTICE:

Students must be signed into school by 9:18 AM to practice. Seniors with an early release must be signed in by 7:40 AM. An athlete is not to be excused from practice or game to go to work. Students must notify a coach as to reasons for absence. A phone call is **NOT** an automatic excuse. A reason must be given and the coach will use his/her discretion as to the validity of the excuse.

First Offense:	A warning or suspension from game or scrimmage
*Second Offense:	Suspended from next two (2) games or scrimmages (except football, due to short schedule - one (1) game)
Third Offense:	Immediate dismissal from team
*NOTE:	Coach may dismiss athlete after <u>second</u> offense if the athlete has committed other violations.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FROM GAME:

First Offense:	Dismissal from team at coaches discretion OR two (2) game suspension (except football - one (1) game).
Second Offense:	Immediate dismissal from team.

Exception for unexcused absence from game: If unexcused absence occurs at the last game of the season, the athlete will be immediately dismissed, as he/she would not have successfully completed their season. Suspended athletes must be at all practices and games, but do not dress or practice.** Failure to appear will be cause for immediate dismissal.

**Except when NJSIAA rules are in effect which do not allow suspended athletes to be present at the game.

ABUSIVE OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:

(Except when NJSIAA rules apply)

Depending upon severity of the action, the coach will enforce the following:

First Offense: Warning or one game suspension (Immediate dismissal if the conduct is of a flagrant nature.)

Second Offense: Immediate dismissal.

FIGHTING - PUNCHES THROWN:

(Except when NJSIAA rules apply)

First Offense: Warning or one game suspension (Immediate dismissal if violation is of an abusive or flagrant nature.)

Second Offense: Immediate dismissal.

Coach is to use his/her own discretion based on the situation. Example: Who started it? Was the athlete defending himself? Did the athlete try to avoid confrontation or was he/she the aggressor?

INSUBORDINATION:

Coach's discretion on severity:

First Offense: Warning or one game suspension (Immediate dismissal if violation is of an abusive or flagrant nature.)

Second Offense: Immediate dismissal.

HAZING:

Initiations and hazings at any time, in any form, are illegal and forbidden. All hazing incidents must be reported the Athletic Director. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

DESTRUCTION/THEFT OF PROPERTY:

Any destruction of property; public, private, or school, will not be tolerated. Violators will be promptly disciplined and possibly removed from the team.

GAMBLING:

Betting and/or gambling are not permitted. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

Please Note: It is a privilege and not a right to participate in athletics, and as such, every rule and regulation cannot be written. The coach always retains the right to discipline the athletes under his/her direction and will inform the Athletic Director and parents. Depending upon the infraction, school discipline may also be

imposed.

SUSPENSION GUIDE

This Suspension Guide will be used for any violation by an athlete regarding the Athletic Contract.

REGULAR SEASON GAME SCHEDULE

Up to 10 Games	<u>First Offense</u>	<u>Second Offense</u>
	Up to two (2) consecutive regular or post-season games.	Up to four (4) consecutive regular or post-season games.
11 to 15 Games	Up to three (3) consecutive regular or post-season games.	Up to six (6) consecutive regular or post-season games.
16 to less than 24 Games	up to four (4) consecutive regular or post-season games.	Up to eight (8) consecutive regular or post-season games.

During this regular season game exclusion period, the athlete may continue to participate in all team activities if all responsibilities and obligations are met, but not dress or be present with the team for games.